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December 31, 20	08 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company
r any partner, proprietor, principal office	r or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of
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(i) Information Relating to the Possess	sion or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
(j) A Reconciliation, including approp	riate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
Computation for Determination of t	he Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
(k) A Reconciliation between the audit	ed and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of con-
solidation.	
(1) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental I	Report.
	adequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
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^{**}For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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Report of Independent Public Accountants

To the Board of Directors Lyster Watson Securities, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Lyster Watson Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lyster Watson Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2008, and its results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

New York, New York March 30, 2009

H. Cohn LLP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents Referral fees receivable, net Prepaid expenses	\$	773,435 2,132,233 8,809
Total	\$_	2,914,477
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Referral fees payable	\$	289,740
Accrued expenses		72,040
Due to affiliate		2,766
Deferred tax liability, net		122,416
Total liabilities		486,962
Contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; 10,000 shares		
authorized; 200 shares issued and outstanding		2
Additional paid-in capital		991,287
Retained earnings		1,436,226
Total stockholders' equity		2,427,515
Total	\$	2,914,477

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Revenues:	
Referral fees	\$ 4,095,166
Dividend and interest income	43,627
Total	4,138,793
Expenses: Employee compensation and benefits Referral fees Communications and data processing	1,364,821 529,435 67,984
Occupancy and equipment rentals	240,167
Professional fees General and administrative	153,001 381,786
Total	2,737,194
Income before income taxes	1,401,599
Provision for income taxes	123,663
Net income	\$ 1,277,936

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Commo	n Stock	dditional Paid-in	F	Retained	Total Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount	 Capital	E	arnings	Equity
Balance, beginning of year	200	\$2	\$ 991,287	\$	158,290	\$ 1,149,579
Net income					1,277,936	1,277,936
Balance, end of year	200_	\$2	\$ 991,287	\$	1,436,226	\$ 2,427,515

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Operating activities:	
Net income	\$ 1,277,936
Bad debt expense	32,309
Deferred income taxes	102,514
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in	
operating activities:	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Referral fees receivable	3,879,118
Prepaid expenses	(1,574)
Accrued expenses	(301,211)
Referral fees payable	(761,159)
Compensation payable	(4,275,021)
Due to affiliate	(140,024)
Net cash used in operating activities and net decrease	
in cash and cash equivalents	(187,112)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	960,547
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 773,435
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow data:	
Income taxes paid	\$ 6,155

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies: Organization:

Lyster Watson Securities, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in Delaware on January 22, 1992. The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company operates under the exemptive provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3k(2)(i).

The Company derives its revenues primarily from referral fees from hedge fund managers.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared from the separate records maintained by the Company and, due to certain transactions and agreements with affiliated entities, such financial statements may not necessarily be indicative of the financial condition that would have existed or the results that would have been obtained from operations had the Company operated as an unaffiliated entity.

Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Referral fees:

The Company derives referral fee revenues from the introduction of accredited investors or qualified purchasers to hedge fund managers unaffiliated with the Company or any of its affiliates. The Company has agreements with various hedge fund managers to receive a portion of the hedge fund manager's management and/or performance fees based on assets the Company has placed with the hedge fund manager. These fees are recorded on the accrual basis when earned. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its referral fees receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, if necessary, based on a history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions. At December 31, 2008, the Company established an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$32,309.

Cash equivalents:

Investments in money market funds are classified as cash equivalents.

Concentration risks:

Cash:

The Company places its cash with high credit quality financial institutions. At times, such amounts exceed the current insured amount under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). At December 31, 2008, the Company's cash balances exceeded the balance insured by the FDIC by \$736,745.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued): Concentration risks (concluded):

Major customers:

During 2008, the Company earned 71% of its revenue from three hedge fund managers. Substantially all of the referral fees receivable at December 31, 2008 are due from these hedge fund managers.

Income taxes:

The Company, with the consent of its stockholders, has elected to be treated as an "S" Corporation under certain sections of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 660 Article 22 of New York State Tax Law. Under these sections, corporate income, in general, is taxable to the stockholders in proportion to their respective interests. The City of New York does not recognize "S" Corporations for income tax reporting purposes.

The Company accounts for city income taxes pursuant to the asset and liability method which requires deferred income tax assets and liabilities to be computed for temporary differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

New accounting pronouncements:

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - An Interpretation of SFAS No. 109," was issued. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." FIN 48 also prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. In addition, FIN 48 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FIN 48-3 deferred adoption for most nonpublic enterprises to annual periods beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company, pursuant to the FSP, has elected to defer its application until its required effective date of January 1, 2009. The Company's policy for evaluating uncertain tax positions prior to the adoption of FIN 48 has been to provide for income taxes based on positions taken on the Company's tax return with valuation allowances established for uncertain positions based on the guidance established by SFAS No. 5 "Accounting for Contingencies". Management does not expect the adoption of FIN 48 to have a material effect on the financial condition or the results of operations of the Company.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2 - Related party transactions:

The Company is party to an Administrative Service Agreement with Lyster Watson Management, Inc. (the "Affiliate") for which certain expenses are allocated between the Company and the Affiliate. Such expenses include compensation and benefits, professional fees, occupancy and equipment rentals and general and administrative expenses reflected in such captions on the accompanying statement of operations. The amount due to the Affiliate of \$2,766 at December 31, 2008 results from these allocations. The total amount charged by the Affiliate to the Company under this agreement was \$1,776,157 for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Note 3 - Net capital requirement:

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash distributions paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$681,750, which was \$657,447 in excess of its required net capital of the greater of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000 minimum dollar net capital requirement. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.53 to 1.

Note 4 - Income taxes:

Provision for income taxes is comprised as follows:

Current		\$ 21,149
Deferred	-	102,514

Total <u>\$123,663</u>

Net deferred tax liability at December 31, 2008 is comprised as follows:

Deferred tax liability	\$157,776
Deferred tax assets	(35,360)

Deferred tax liability, net \$122,416

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company utilized its city net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$64,000 which resulted in a current tax benefit of approximately \$5,700. Deferred tax assets are attributable to contribution carryforwards. The deferred tax liability is attributable to the difference between accrual basis income (loss) and the cash basis income (loss) used for tax purposes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 5 - Contingency:

The Affiliate has an installment loan payable to a bank which, at December 31, 2008, has a balance of \$183,333. The loan, which bears interest at 6%, is payable in monthly installments of \$16,667 plus interest through November 2009. The loan is secured by all of the assets of the Affiliate, Lyster Watson LLC and the Company and is guaranteed by the majority stockholders of the Company. As of December 31, 2008, the Affiliate is current with its debt payments.

Note 6 - Shareholder agreement:

In 2007, the Company amended and restated its existing shareholder agreement. The agreement provides that upon termination of employment, service or death of a shareholder or other events, as defined, such shareholder (or the shareholder's estate) shall have the right to sell its shares to the remaining shareholders. The selling price of the shares is based upon a formula based upon assets under management.

Note 7 - Equity incentive plan:

In 2007, the Lyster Watson Group (comprised of the Company, the Affiliate, and Lyster Watson LLC, hereafter called the "LW Group") implemented the Lyster Watson 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Participants in the Plan will receive equity compensation opportunities in the form of options ("Options") to purchase equity units ("Units") consisting of shares of common stock of the Company, the Affiliate, and a percentage membership interest in Lyster Watson LLC. Options may be granted to any individual who is a director, officer or other employee of a participating member of the LW Group. In total, no more than 2,000 shares of common stock of the Company, 20,000 shares of common stock of the Affiliate, and 20% of the membership interests in Lyster Watson LLC may be issued under the Plan. The term of the Plan is 10 years.

In accordance with the Plan, the LW Group granted three participants each an option to purchase one Unit (as defined) for a purchase price per Unit of \$571,618 on June 1, 2007 (the "2007 Grant Date"). Each Unit constitutes 1% (on a fully diluted basis) of the equity value, as defined, of the LW Group. On the 2007 Grant Date, such unit represents 1,061.17 shares of the Affiliate's common stock, 2.06 shares of the Company's common stock, and a 1% membership interest in Lyster Watson LLC. Of the total exercise price, 55% is allocated to the shares of the Affiliate's common stock, 41% to the Company's common stock, and 4% to the membership interest in Lyster Watson LLC.

On June 1, 2008 (the "2008 Grant Date"), the LW Group granted four participants each an option to purchase one Unit (as defined) for a purchase price per Unit of \$693,462. On the 2008 Grant Date, such Unit represents 1,105.39 shares of the Affiliate's common stock, 2.15 shares of the Company's common stock, and a 1% membership interest in Lyster Watson LLC. Of the total exercise price, 65% is allocated to the shares of the Affiliate's common stock, 31% to the Company's common stock, and 4% to the membership interest in Lyster Watson LLC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 7 - Equity incentive plan (continued):

Subject to the participant's continuous employment or other service with the LW Group, the option shall become fully vested (i.e., "cliff vested") on the third anniversary of the grant date. In accordance with the provisions of the Plan, vesting may be accelerated in the event of a change in control. The options will terminate if and to the extent they are not vested at the time the participant's employment terminates. Except as otherwise provided by the Plan with respect to a change in control or by the equity agreement, the option may be exercised, if at all, at any time during a four month period beginning on the date the option becomes vested; provided, however, that, if the participant's employment terminates during such four month period, the option may not be exercised after such termination of employment. If the option becomes vested and is not exercised within the applicable exercisability period, it will thereupon terminate.

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123(R)"). The Company believes it is not possible to reasonably estimate the fair value of an option at the grant date. Accordingly, pursuant to SFAS 123(R), compensation cost is measured at intrinsic value, and remeasured at each reporting date until settlement of the instrument. Compensation cost for each period is based on the change in the intrinsic value of the option during each reporting period, taking into consideration the percentage of requisite service that has been rendered at the reporting date. The value used to calculate intrinsic value is computed based upon assets under management.

Compensation cost relative to the Plan is allocated amongst the companies in the LW Group based upon the related salaries allocated amongst the companies. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company recognized no compensation cost as there was no intrinsic value in the option at that date.

The following is a summary of options to purchase Units as of December 31, 2008. Information relative to the Company's common stock has also been presented, taking into consideration the portion of a Unit that pertains to the Company:

	Options			Weighted Average Exercise Price	
	<u>Unit</u>	Company Shares	Per Unit	Per Share	
Options outstanding, beginning of year	3	6.19	\$571,618	\$114,055	
Granted 2008	4	8.59	693,462	99,330	
Exercised	-	-	-	-	
Expired/cancelled	-		-	-	
Options outstanding, end of year	<u>7</u>	<u>14.78</u>	<u>\$641,243</u>	<u>\$105,494</u>	

No options were vested or exercisable as of December 31, 2008. The term of the 2007 Granted options and 2008 Granted options outstanding at December 31, 2008 expire on September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2011, respectively.

SCHEDULE I - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION DECEMBER 31, 2008

Total stockholders' equity	\$ 2,427,515
Add allowable credits: Deferred tax liability, net Total allowable credits	122,416 122,416
Deduct nonallowable assets: Referral fees receivable Prepaid expenses Total nonallowable assets	1,844,637 8,809 1,853,446
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	696,485
Haircuts on securities positions - money market instruments	(14,735)
Net capital	\$ 681,750
Total liabilities Less deferred tax liability, net	\$ 486,962 122,416
Aggregate indebtedness	\$ 364,546
Computation of basic net capital requirement: Minimum net capital required (greater of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000 minimum dollar net capital requirement)	\$ 24,303
Excess of net capital over minimum net capital	\$ 657,447
Excess of net capital at 1,000%	\$ 645,295
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0.53

No material discrepancies exist between the above computation and the computation included in the Company's corresponding unaudited amended Form X-17A-5 Part IIA filing submitted on March 30, 2009.



Report of Independent Public Accountants on Internal Control

To the Board of Directors Lyster Watson Securities, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Lyster Watson Securities, Inc. (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11), and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures as described in the second paragraph of this report were adequate at December 31, 2008 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

New York, New York

F. H. Cohn LLP

March 30, 2009



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Report on Financial Statements (With Supplementary Information)

Year Ended December 31, 2008